

# YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION

## NEWSLETTER



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## ABA Descends on the Nation's Capital: State Bar of Georgia YLD Comes Home a Winner

The Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia was recognized at the American Bar Association's Annual Meeting in Washington DC for the quality of its work in the 2001-2002 bar year. In the annual "Awards of Achievement" competition, the ABA's Young Lawyers Division recognizes excellence among state and local bars in four categories: Service to the Public, Service to the Bar, Comprehensive (based on the totality of programs conducted throughout the year) and Newsletter. The state and local bars compete in divisions that are based on population. The Georgia YLD, with 9,329 members, competes in Division IA (bars having a young lawyer membership of 8,000 or more) against bars in

states such as Texas, California, Michigan and Virginia.

The Georgia YLD received awards in all four categories. The YLD took home second place for both overall quality of the YLD program as well as Service to the Bar. The Georgia YLD won third place in the Service to the Public category and fourth place for its minority project submission. Georgia continued its eight-year streak of award winning newsletters by capturing first place in the newsletter competition.

The entire Georgia Delegation to the ABA meeting was especially pleased to be recognized in an awards process known for its

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### 2002 Celebration of Educational Excellence Recognizes Largest Class Ever!

The 2002 Celebration of Excellence was a great success thanks to the generous support of the State Bar and its members. The Celebration recognizes children who grew up in foster care and have graduated from high school, a GED program, vocational school, and college. During their stay in foster care, youth experience changes in placements and schools, creating barriers and burdens to overcome in order to graduate. Graduation is a remarkable testimony to these young people's determination and hard work. On June 11, 2002, a record 231 graduates were honored at the Fox Theatre for their outstanding achievement, while over 600 people from the legal, child welfare, and larger community attended to cheer them on.



Each graduate received a certificate of achievement from Governor Roy E. Barnes and a gift bag full of donated items, including disposable cameras,

long-distance phone cards, pen sets, a \$250 voucher toward future educational expenses, and a Palm pilot! In addition, nearly \$60,000 dollars in scholarships were awarded to qualified applicants who are attending college. This year's keynote speaker was Val Joseph, Executive Director of Inner Strength, who as a youth had personal experience with the New York child welfare system. He spoke powerfully about his experiences in foster care and inspired our graduates with his own achievements.

Special thanks to the State Bar/YLD for its long tradition of supporting the Celebration and the foster youth of Georgia. Without that support, we could not have hosted such a successful Celebration and honored these youth who have overcome so much on the road to success.

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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Derek J. White



## “AND WE'RE OFF”

The YLD's theme for this bar year is “Community Involvement.” We started the ball rolling this year by having our Annual Committee Chair Orientation at the Omni Hotel in the CNN Center. Afterwards, the Directors and Officers travelled to Reynolds

Plantation to participate in the Long Range Planning Retreat.

The Committee Chairs and Directors are the backbone of the YLD and this year the following attorneys have agreed to carry on the YLD tradition of serving the profession and the public.

If you are interested in participating with any committee, please complete the committee sign up form on page 5 and return to the YLD office. If you are involved in local community organizations and activities, please inform the YLD office so that we may share your experiences with others, giving them an opportunity to organize similar activities in their respective communities.

If you have any questions about a committee or how you can become involved, please contact the YLD Office at (404) 527-8778 or [jackie@gabar.org](mailto:jackie@gabar.org).

### Advocates for Special Needs Children

This committee was formed because many school districts are not providing the education required by the Americans With Disabilities Act. The committee recruits lawyers willing to represent these children in due process hearings and in court case.

*Marc D' Antonio and Ali Mitchell, Cochairs*

### Appellate Admissions

This committee arranges the ceremonies for admission of new Bar members to the Georgia Supreme Court, the Georgia Court of Appeals, and the U.S. District Courts.

*Nathan Wheat, Chair*

### Aspiring Youth Program

This committee assists at-risk middle school students by increasing their aspirations to graduate from high school and college by demonstrating the importance of education, hard work and commitment. All program activities take place during the “latch-key” hours when youths are most often unsupervised. Younger lawyers serve as positive role models while developing a rapport with the students.

*Malcolm Wells, Vicki Wiley and Zahra Karinshak, Cochairs*

### Bridge the Gap

This committee sponsors the semi-annual Bridge the Gap program in conjunction with the Institute of Continuing Legal Education. This committee also makes arrangements for seminars at YLD meetings.

*J. Ben Finley and Timothy J. Buckley, Cochairs*

### Business Law

This committee addresses issues specific to young lawyers whose practice involves either commercial litigation or commercial transactions.

*Charles E. Hodges, II, Chair*

### Career Issues

This committee works to enhance the quality of life for young lawyers by developing ideas for various work options and emphasizing stress management and health. The committee also focuses on meeting the needs of lawyers involved in or looking for alternative careers.

*Lynn A. Howell, Chair*

### Community Service Projects

This committee focuses on opportunities for younger lawyers to participate as a group in support of local, state or national service projects that are not necessarily law-related, such as literacy, homelessness, drug abuse prevention or environmental programs.

*Amy Alcock and Shelley Senterfitt, Cochairs*

### Criminal Law

This committee strives for the improvement of the criminal justice system, and where appropriate, seeks to implement changes. The committee annually sponsors CLE seminars and the Commitment to Justice Award.

*Scott Semrau and Sara Yeager, Cochairs*

### Disability Issues

This committee is involved with the delivery of legal services to persons dealing with physical and mental disabilities.

*Tom Mazziotti, Chair*

### Disaster Legal Assistance

This committee renders emergency legal assistance to victims of natural disasters.

*Tonya Boga, Chair*

### Elder Law

This committee is involved in the delivery of legal services to the elderly, monitoring legislation and other legal developments affecting the elderly community, and providing general information to older Georgians.

*Richard Bryson and Kristin A. Ruzicka, Cochairs*

### Employers Duties & Problems

This committee studies the various legal requirements and duties of employers and the challenges they encounter because of agency regulation.

*Shanda Galloway, Chair*

### Ethics & Professionalism

This committee develops programs to assist lawyers in achieving the ethical and professional standards set forth for the legal profession and to make the public aware that lawyers are striving to meet and exceed these standards. The committee also works with the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism.

*Dean Bucci, Chair*

### Great Day of Service

This committee organizes a variety of service projects to take place throughout the state on one day in conjunction with Law Day.

*Leigh Martin and Daniel Snipes, Cochairs*

### High School Mock Trial

This committee provides educational litigation experience to hundreds of high school students by sponsoring a statewide mock trial competition, sending a team to the national competition, and holding a summer law camp. Young lawyers, judges and teachers throughout Georgia become involved at all levels of the competition as coaches, judges and committee members.

*Candace Byrd and Robert McDonald, Cochairs*

### Indigent Criminal Defense

This committee coordinates efforts of the legal profession and other agencies to help provide representation and equal justice to all.

*Ali Mitchell, Chair*

### Intrastate Moot Court Competition

This committee sponsors the annual Intrastate Moot Court Competition among students from Emory, Georgia, Mercer, and Georgia State Law Schools. The committee organizes and conducts the competition, including the preparation of the legal issues to be argued and the judging of the briefs and oral arguments.

*Chris Kellner, Chair*

### Judicial Liaison

This committee strives to give young lawyers the opportunity to meet judges and clerks of the court in informal settings, and works to foster understanding and dialogue between the attorneys and judges. The committee also sponsors an annual “Meet the Judges” CLE seminar.

*Richard Braun, Jr., Chair*

### Juvenile Law

This committee is responsible for studying and recommending changes in the area of juvenile laws, juvenile facilities, and rehabilitation.

*Andre Johnson and Beth Reimels, Cochairs*

### Kids & Justice Program

This committee works with fifth-graders to increase their knowledge of the criminal justice system and of their own rights and responsibilities as citizens. Through the use of law-related education lesson plans, lawyers teach students about criminal laws, the necessity of enforcing laws and how the law applies to the everyday lives of juveniles. The students will also visit their local jail, observe a live court proceeding, and perform their own mock trial.

*Malcolm Wells and Mike McCleary, Cochairs*

### Law Related Education

This committee supports and encourages the growth of law-related education in the state, particularly through the inclusion of law-related curriculum in the schools. These efforts include preparing an Introduction to Law textbook and hosting an annual Teachers' Workshop.

*Beth Ellen Dotson and Melissa Anderson, Cochair*

### Legislative Affairs

This committee serves as the clearing-house for YLD-initiated legislation and aids legislators and other YLD committees in various matters. The committee also holds an annual Legislative Breakfast.

*Stephen Glenn Lowry and Michael Keith Watson, Cochair*

### Litigation

This committee addresses the special areas of interest to lawyers who are civil litigators. The committee also holds an annual Litigation for Younger Lawyers ICLE Seminar.

*Brad Strawn and Christopher L. Weems, Cochairs*

### MCLE/Trial Credit Assistance

This committee assists newly admitted attorneys with finding courts in which they can obtain their trial credits.

*Beth T. Kertscher, Chair*

### Membership & Affiliate Outreach

This committee's work will be a very integral element to the success of the year's theme. The committee will work toward increasing the visibility of the many community endeavors of membership throughout the state. Additionally, the committee's responsibilities include hospitality functions at YLD meetings.

*Elena Kaplan and Chandra Tutt, Cochairs*

### Minorities in the Profession

This committee encourages increased participation by minorities in the Bar and the YLD, examines the challenges of minority lawyers, and expands the opportunities for minority lawyers within the profession.

*Brad Gardner and Elvin Sutton, Jr., Cochairs*

### National Moot Court Competition

This committee is in charge of conducting the competition for Regional Competition.

*Jason Saliba, Chair*

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fierce competition. Peter J. Daughtery, Immediate Past President, who led the YLD during the award year, wished to express his sincere thanks to all of the committee chairs, directors, and officers who made his year such a success. He said, "I am extremely pleased that the YLD received this recognition for these outstanding projects! I want to thank all of the committee chairs who worked so hard during the year. He added, "The Georgia YLD competes against several states that have budgets almost 5 times larger than ours, so it is particularly gratifying for the quality of our projects to be recognized on a national level." Special thanks also goes to Leigh Martin for preparing Georgia's Award of Achievement application.

While those young lawyers present in Washington DC for the awards were thrilled to have Georgia receive such high honors, everyone agreed that it was a recognition well deserved. The YLD is excited about its current committees and chairpersons and hopes to continue its tradition of excellence in the coming years. These achievements should make Georgia's lawyers truly proud of its Young Lawyers Division.



## LAW ACADEMY FACULTY NEEDED!

**Law Academy is November 22 - 23 at UGA Law School**

**Attorney coaches are needed for high school teams throughout Georgia  
CLE credit is available for participating in this program!**

**SERVE AS A MENTOR TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
AND MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT IN YOUR COMMUNITY!**

For more information contact the mock trial office at (404) 527-8779 or toll free (800) 334-6865 ext. 779 or email: [mocktrial@gabar.org](mailto:mocktrial@gabar.org)

For online sign-up go to: [www.gabar.org/mtjoin.htm](http://www.gabar.org/mtjoin.htm)  
*CLE credit is available for participating in this program!*



### 7 2002 7 Young Lawyers Division Fall Meeting:

Don't miss your chance to pull for (or against) the Georgia Bulldogs as part of the YLD Fall meeting. The meeting is slated for November 1-3, with accommodations at the Casa Monica Hotel in St. Augustine, Florida.

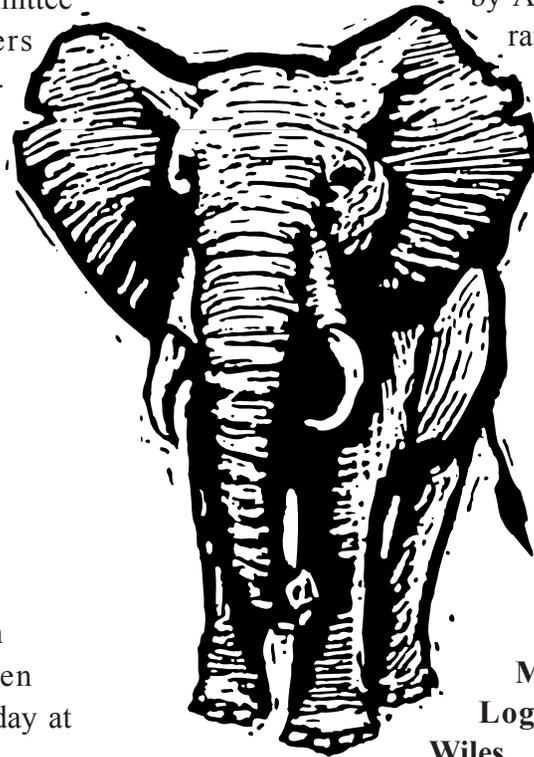
On Friday evening, everyone will enjoy an outdoor 'gator fry' at the hotel. The YLD Business meeting will take place early Saturday morning so there is time to travel by bus to Jacksonville for a tailgate party prior to kick off. Group seating tickets to the Georgia v. Florida game will be available for purchase.

Room rates for the weekend are \$179 for a single or double room. There is a two night minimum stay required- after all, it is football season! Make your reservations by calling the Casa Monica Hotel directly at (800) 648-1888.

For more information about the meeting, please contact the YLD office at (404) 527-8778.

## Zoo Day a Big Success with the YLD Community Service Project Committee

On May 18th, 2002, the Community Service Committee of the Young Lawyers Division ("YLD") sponsored its Third Annual Zoo Day. Twenty-five YLD members chaperoned twenty-eight foster children from the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services throughout the zoo. This project provided the majority of these foster children with their first visit to the zoo. Both the lawyers and children thoroughly enjoyed their day at the zoo.



Thanks to generous sponsorship by Atlanta law firms and corporations, we were able to pay for the children's entry tickets, lunch, train ride, carousel ride and souvenirs. This project would not have been possible without the generous donations provided by **Butler, Wooten, Fryhofer, Scherffius, Daughtery and Sullivan, L.L.P.; Hunton & Williams; Kutak Rock, LLP; King & Spalding; Novoste Corporation; Mozley, Finlayson & Loggins LLP; and Wiles & Wiles.**

# The following is a list of the YLD Board of Directors and a list of the Executive Council Post 2, Out of State and Members at Large elections held this past June at the State Bar Annual Meeting in Amelia Island, FL. Congratulations to our newly elected Council members!

<p><b>Board of Directors:</b> Michelle G. Adams, Atlanta Veronica E. Brinson, Albany Marc E. D'Antonio, Columbus Jay R. Doyle, II, Atlanta Amanda Farahany, Atlanta Elena Kaplan, Atlanta Zahra S. Karinshak, Atlanta Amy E. Loggins, Atlanta Stephen G. Lowry, Savannah Ali M. Mitchell, Atlanta Leigh H. Martin, Atlanta Janne McKamey-Lopes, Atlanta Jonathan A. Pope, Canton Bryan D. Scott, Macon Daniel B. Snipes, Statesboro Chandra C. Tutt, Atlanta Malcolm L.H. Wells, Atlanta</p> <p><b>Elected Committee Members/Directors:</b> Michael S. Kimbrough, Marietta W. Kevin Snyder, Peachtree City</p> <p><b>District Representatives and Alternates:</b> <b>Post 2 [02-04]:</b> <b>1st District</b> Suzanne R. Bogle, Savannah, Rep. Drew Stutzman, Savannah, Alt. <b>2nd District</b> Patrick S. Eidson, Albany, Rep. Tanya Jeffords, Albany, Alt.</p>	<p><b>3rd District</b> Emily Turner, Macon, Rep. Miguel A. Garcia, Macon, Alt. <b>4th District</b> Elizabeth Kertscher, Atlanta, Rep. Ryan A. Schneider, Atlanta, Alt. <b>5th District</b> Amanda Farahany, Atlanta, Rep. Thurston J. Lopes, Atlanta, Alt. <b>6th District</b> Charles E. Hodges, III, Smyrna, Rep. J. Kevin Moore, Marietta, Alt. <b>7th District</b> David Cannon, Jr., Canton, Rep. Samuel J. Rusbridge, Canton, Alt. <b>8th District</b> W. Kevin Snyder, Peachtree City, Rep. Sara A. Evans, Newnan, Alt. <b>9th District</b> Kristi Connell, Augusta, Rep. John M. Markwalter, Augusta, Alt. <b>10th District</b> Scott A. Ball, Gainesville, Rep. Alt. to be elected <b>11th District</b> Matt Cook, Columbus, Rep. J. Clay Fuller, Columbus, Alt. <b>12th District</b> Richard F. Connelly, Jr. Athens, Rep. Michael CmCleary, Athens, Alt.</p>	<p><b>13th District</b> Rep. to be elected Alt. to be elected</p> <p><b>Out of State [02-03]</b> Beth Ellen Dotson, Pensacola, FL, Rep. Dale E. Akins, Hilton Head Isl., SC, Alt.</p> <p><b>Members At-Large [02-03]</b> Michelle G. Adams, Atlanta Joshua C. Bell, Cairo Jeffrey R. Harris, Atlanta Sally Haskins, Columbus Render M. Heard, Jr., Tifton Andrew A. Lewis, Marietta Hugh O. Morris, Jr., Albany Leslie P. Sheehan, Savannah Charles K. Wainright, Albany Stephen G. Lowry, Savannah Christopher Weems, Athens Robert Register, Atlanta</p>  <p><i>Justice George H. Carley, Georgia Supreme Court, administers the Oath of Office to the YLD's 2002-2003 Officers: (L-R) David S. Gruskin, Secretary; Damon E. Elmore, Treasurer; Andrew W. Jones, President-Elect and Derek J. White, President.</i></p>
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<h2>Notice of Elections</h2>	<p><i>Pursuant to the provision of Article VI, Section 4 of the Bylaws of the Young Lawyers Division, notice is hereby given that the election of officers of the YLD for 2003 will be as follows:</i></p>
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- 1. Positions**  
The following positions will be filled by election by mail-out ballot to all members of the Young Lawyers Division: President-elect, Treasurer and Secretary.
- 2. Eligibility**  
Active members of the State Bar of Georgia in good standing who are members of the Young Lawyers Division at the time of their election shall be eligible to hold office in the Young Lawyers Division.
- 3. Nominations and Election Procedure**
  - A. Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee will meet on November 2, 2002 at the Fall Meeting of the Executive Council (as set forth hereinafter), and at

If you are interested in nominating a candidate for the YLD officer positions, please fill out and return this form to: *YLD Elections, 104 Marietta St., Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30303*

*The undersigned active members of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia in good standing (if applicable, who are non-residents of the state of Georgia) hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_*

*for the office of \_\_\_\_\_*

*for the term beginning at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2003.*

*Nominator \_\_\_\_\_*

*Nominator \_\_\_\_\_*

*Date \_\_\_\_\_*

*"I, \_\_\_\_\_, the person nominated in the petition, hereby accept said nomination and, if elected, will serve."*

*Nominee \_\_\_\_\_*

such other times as the president-elect as chairperson of the committee shall determine, for the purpose of nominating one or more candidates for the offices of president-elect, treasurer and secretary. The Nominating Committee shall submit the names of all nominees nominated by it to the Election Committee of the Young Lawyers Division not less than sixty days prior to the date of the annual meeting of the Young Lawyers Division.

**B. Nominations from Members.** Nominations for candidates for the office of President-elect, Treasurer and Secretary and for membership of the Executive Council may be made by the membership of the Young Lawyers Division the following way:

- (1) Any two members of the Young Lawyers Division who are qualified to vote in accordance with the bylaws may submit a nominating petition to the Election Committee no later than Nov. 1 of the year preceding the annual meeting of the Young Lawyers Division.
- (2) Within five days of the receipt of the report of the Nominating Committee, the Election Committee shall notify each nominee of such nomination and of the names of other persons nominated for the same positions and said nominees shall within two days from the date of notification accept or reject the nomination. Nominees failing to respond shall be deemed to have accepted the nomination.
- (3) At the close of the nominations for President-elect, Secretary and Treasurer, the Election Committee shall cause ballots to be prepared. Each ballot shall have printed thereon the name of each person duly nominated for each position and shall provide for a write-in for each position. Each ballot shall contain instructions as to the method by which a vote for a particular candidate shall be indicated. Each ballot shall contain a notice as to the last day by which a ballot must be received at the Headquarters of the Young Lawyers Division which date shall annually be fixed by the Election Committee. Voter lists shall be prepared and tabulated and declaration of the results of the election shall be performed pursuant to the Bylaws.



# 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Breakfast

Friday, January 17, 2003

The YLD Legislative Affairs Committee has two primary functions. First, the committee assists members of the Legislature by analyzing or researching issues affecting pending or proposed legislation. Second, the Committee sponsors the Annual Legislative Breakfast at which younger lawyers and other representatives of the State Bar meet with lawyer legislators over a hearty repast to discuss pending legislation of interest to lawyers. A panel of top legislative leaders (who happen to be lawyers) will be on hand to address the breakfast attendees and answer questions from the floor.

The breakfast has traditionally been well-attended by younger lawyers, representatives of the State Bar and officials of various branches of state government. It affords lawyers a timely opportunity to discuss bills and issues of particular interest to them with key 'players' in the legislative arena. Legislative Affairs Committee members will contact YLD members about making arrangements to attend the event. If you want to join the committee, please contact Stephen Lowry at [slowry@cartertatelaw.com](mailto:slowry@cartertatelaw.com) or (912) 234-3030. For information about the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Breakfast, please contact the YLD office at (404) 527-8778.

The YLD would like to thank its Summer meeting Sponsors:

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The YLD is comprised of 33 committees which are divided into three categories:

**Service to the Public:**

These committees institute programs and program assistance to further causes such as literacy, homelessness, drug abuse prevention, at-risk youth, the elderly and victims of natural disasters. Several of the committees provide pro bono services for families and children in need.

**Service to the Profession:**

Committees in this category address issues and special areas of interests to young lawyers. Many of the committees do so by sponsoring seminars and guest speakers who discuss topics and issues relative to a particular practice of law.

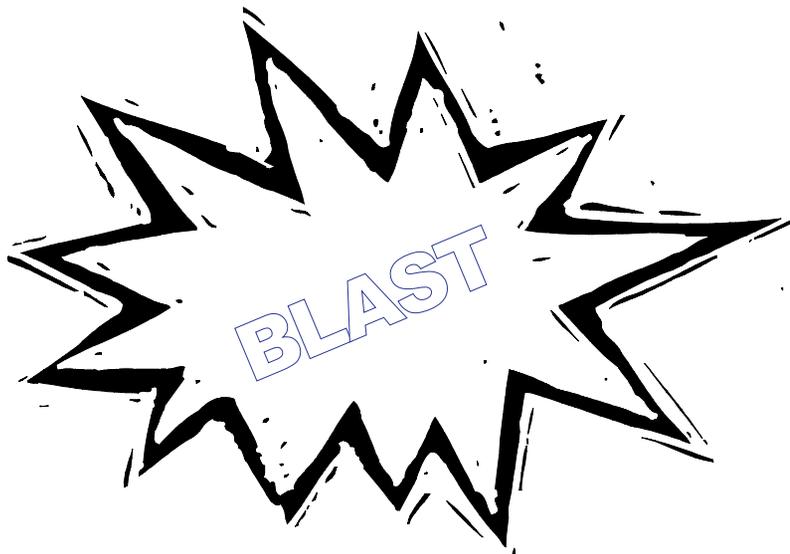
**Membership Services:**

These committees provide specific services for members of the YLD and the State Bar of Georgia.

If you worked on a YLD committee last year, please remember that you need to sign up again this year. Membership renewal for committees is not automatic.

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# Annual Meeting was a



Amelia Island was the place for this years Annual Meeting. The joint meeting between the Big Bar and the YLD converged on the charming, historic town from June 13-16, 2002.

As usual, the lure of the pool was irresistible as a way to beat the heat on Friday afternoon. Everyone kept cool at the traditional "Meet-the-Candidates" pool-side party.

For those that needed some exercise before the meeting began, the annual 5K Fun Run had them up and running Saturday morning. Later at the brunch, outgoing YLD President Pete Daughtery summarized his year.

Attention then turned to the swearing in of the 2002-03 Officers by Georgia Supreme Court Justice George H. Carley. After a brief intermission, President Derek J. White conducted his first YLD Business Meeting.

For the athletically inclined crowd, the annual Golf Tournament took place. For the lazier bunch, lounging by the pool was the ideal way to relax before the Friday evening YLD 'Summer Supper Sing Along.' During dinner, everyone sang to the tunes of the Beech Street Grills famous piano player!

As always, the Annual Meeting was a time to review the prior year's successes and preview what is in store for next year. If you have not been involved with the YLD, now is the perfect time to join the ranks of this enthusiastic group. Get involved through a committee today and we'll see you at the 2003 Annual Meeting!



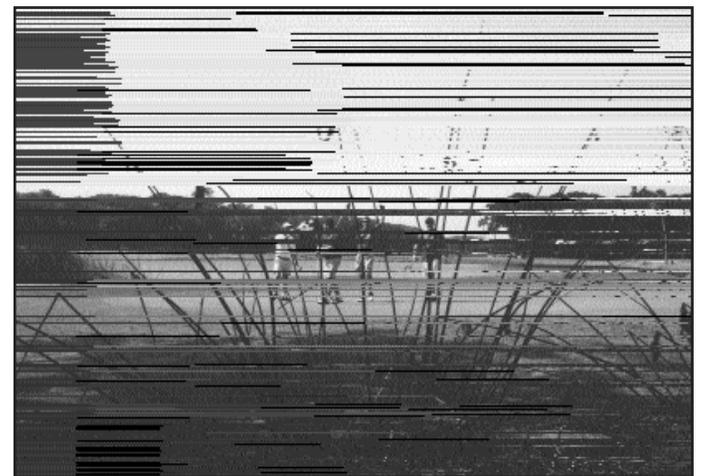
*A special thanks to Boller, Sewell & Segars and the Lawyers Foundation of Georgia for another great LFG/YLD 5K Fun Run!*



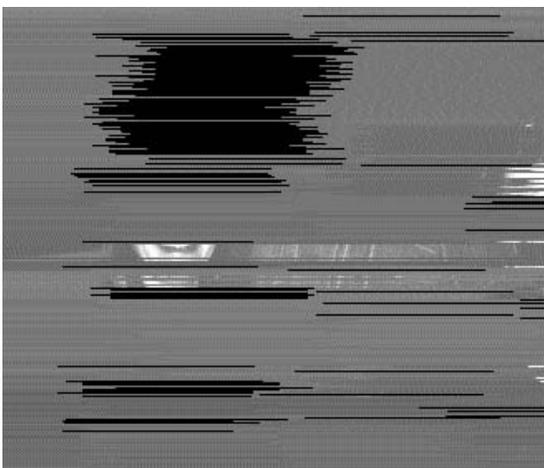
*YLD President Derek White and Bill Barwick, Bar President-elect take a look at the YLD Election Ballot at the YLD Meet the Candidates Election & Pool Party.*



*Trying to beat the heat at Friday's pool-side party are (l-r) Elena Kaplan & YLD Past President Kendall Butterworth.*



*The Ocean Links Course was the site of this year's Golf Tournament. The YLD made a very strong showing in the tournament.*



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**Pro Bono**

This committee assists Georgia Legal Services and other organizational pro bono programs on a statewide basis.

*Ryan Schneider and Tonya Boga, Cochairs*

**Publications**

This committee is responsible for producing the YLD newsletter.

*Laurel Landon, Chair*

**Solo & Small Firm Practice**

This committee focuses on programs to meet the needs of young lawyers who are associates and partners in small law firms, or for those attorneys starting their own practices.

*Charles Morris, Jr. and Render Heard, Jr., Cochairs*

**Truancy Intervention**

This committee serves children and their families who enter the juvenile justice system after violating the Georgia Compulsory School Attendance Laws.

*Kevin Snyder, Chair*

**William W. Daniel National Invitational Mock Trial Competition**

This committee conducts an annual mock trial competition among student teams from all over the country competing with teams from each of the Georgia law schools.

*Jeremy E. Citron, Chair*

**Women in the Profession**

This committee explores issues of interest to women lawyers in Georgia, including gender bias in the courtroom, childcare alternatives, and part-time employment.

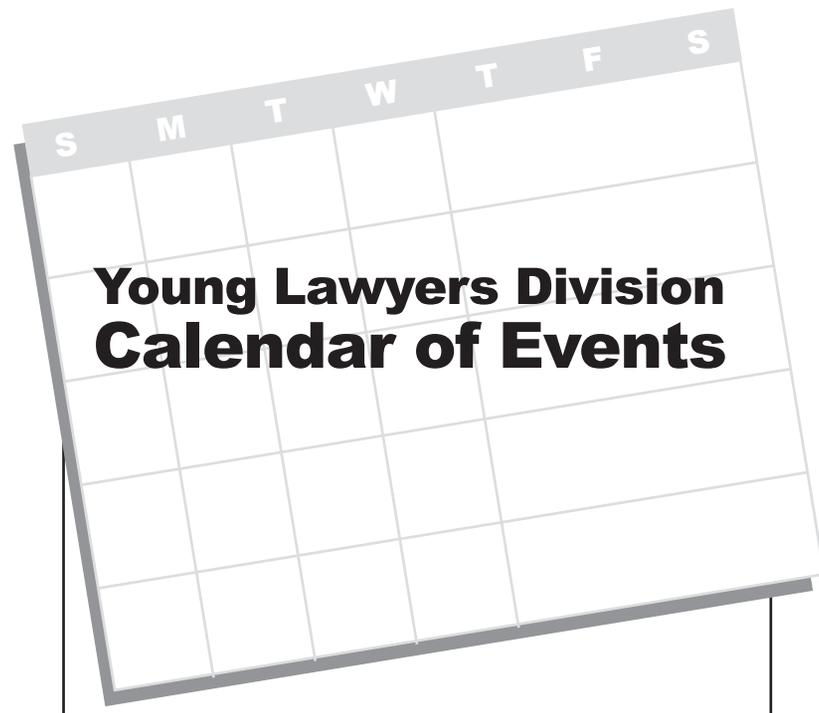
*Sherry Neal and Janet Bozeman, Cochairs*

**Youth Judicial Program**

This committee conducts the annual moot court program held in conjunction with the YMCA's Annual State Judicial Program.

*Brad Folsom, Chair*

If you want to discuss any of the YLD committees or any other ideas you may have for a new YLD project, please contact the YLD office at [jackie@gabar.org](mailto:jackie@gabar.org) or (404) 527-8778.



SEPTEMBER	
4	Bridge the Gap Seminar
5	Women in the Profession Committee Mtg.
10	Community Service Project Committee Mtg.
18	Advocates for Special Needs Children Mtg.
19	Women in the Profession Potluck Dinner
27-29	Fall BOG Meeting (Athens, GA)
OCTOBER	
3	Women in the Profession Mtg.
10-13	ABA/YLD Fall Conference (Cincinnati, OH)
21	LRE Golf Tournament
NOVEMBER	
1-3	YLD Fall Meeting (St. Augustine, FL)
7	Women in the Profession Meeting

On May 9, 2002 the Judicial Liaison Committee had special guests for its bi-monthly meeting. Juanita Hicks, Clerk of Court for the Superior Court of Fulton County, came to speak with the committee regarding the new electronic filing system implemented in June 2000. Ms. Hicks brought two people from her office, Arleatha McKenzie and Lynn Peterson, as well as Christian

Brown of CourtLink, who was in charge of setting up the Court's electronic filing system.

Electronic filing has been the preferred method of filing in the asbestos litigation in Fulton County Superior Court. There are over 1,500 asbestos cases on line, as well as over 28,000 documents. The electronic filing system is not just used for filing and case management, but also for service. Currently, the Superior Court is discussing the expansion of electronic filing to other types of cases including Silica, mass tort and family law cases.

The lunch meeting was well attended and very informative. The attendees expressed their appreciation at being able to discuss this matter with the speakers in an informal setting.



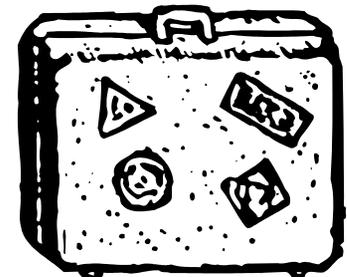
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FUTURE YLD MEETINGS**

*Every young lawyer is invited  
...so start packing your bags!*

**Fall Meeting**  
November 1-3, 2002  
Casa Monica Hotel  
St. Augustine, FL

**Midyear Meeting**  
January 9-11, 2003  
Swissotel  
Atlanta, GA

**Spring Meeting**  
April 25-27, 2003  
Daufuskie Island Inn  
Hilton Head Island, SC



**Annual Meeting**  
June 12-15, 2003  
Amelia Island Plantation  
Amelia Island, FL

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## editor's block

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### NEW BEGINNINGS

Don't you love fall? The crisp morning air, the turning of the leaves, the eternal hope of Dawg fans that this will be the year. For me, fall has always been a time for new beginnings, more so than the new calendar year in January. Many of you probably feel the same way because we went to school for so many years. Time to buy new pencils, new lunchboxes, new backpacks. Time to decorate new dorm rooms, live with new roommates, learn from new teachers. Time to refocus your energies after summer vacation.

Fall is also a time of coming together. Reuniting with friends and col-

## D Fun in the Sun at the YLD Summer Meeting

The Younger Lawyers Division held its Summer meeting in Hilton Head Island, SC, at the Sea Pines Resort the weekend of August 23-25, 2002.

In addition to the Business Meeting, the attendees had an opportunity to bask in the South Carolina sunshine at the Sea Pines Beach Club. Many of those in attendance participated in golf, tennis, shopping and bike riding. Others simply soaked up the sun or tested the waters in the pool. A new activity was introduced in the Hospitality Suite- BINGO! Winners collectively took home \$700 in cash prizes. Look for more exciting games at future meetings.

Everyone in attendance at the YLD Group Dinner in Harbour Town enjoyed the view of the harbor, including the yachts and the sunset over the water.

The YLD owes a debt of gratitude to the sponsors of various events at the meeting, including Donovan Court Reporting, Dupree, Poole & King, Butler, Wooten, Fryhofer, Daughtery & Sullivan, LLP, Cooper & Jones, LLP, Atlanta Legalink and Charles T. Schell & John T. Bair.

We hope to see everyone in St. Augustine in November for the Fall meeting! Plan now to come and participate in the business and the fun that the YLD has to offer!

leagues after spending the summer away. Cheering the hometown football team, listening to the local band, attending the homecoming parade. Going to local festivals, eating cotton candy, dunking local celebrities. Going trick-or-treating in the neighborhood, contributing to local food drives at Thanksgiving.

Fall is also a time to reflect back on the prior seasons and give thanks. Thanks for family, friends and acquaintances who make life special. Thanks for being able to earn a living in a profession which, although maligned, is still honorable and necessary. Thanks for living in the greatest country on earth, unbowed by acts of cowardice. Thanks for mentors and heroes who inspire us.

Although the new bar year officially starts in June, for me it really starts in the fall. Time to give thanks for the prior seasons. Thank you Pete for your leadership, thank you Jackie for your dedication, thanks to all who worked so hard. Time to come together to carry out Derek's vision for our new bar year by becoming more involved in our communities. Time for new beginnings. Have a great year.

[Submission deadline for the next newsletter is October 25, 2002](#)



*Right: Kimbrell Kimbrough, Kevin Snyder & Ben Barrett making the tough decision of what to eat first!*



*Left: YLD President Derek White pays close attention as Committee Chairs give their reports.*





